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ROEL RODRIGUEZ, P.E., City Manager

October 9, 2017

Dear Prospective Candidate:

Congratulations on your interest in McAllen's City Government and for contemplating on becoming a candidate in the upcoming January 20, 2018 Special City Election for the seat of Commissioner for Single Member District 1 to the Board of Commissioners of McAllen, Texas, to fill an unexpired term.

The filing period officially opens on October 10, 2017 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2017. An introductory candidate packet is provided that contains the following information and forms:

- City of McAllen Candidate Requirements
- Application for a Place on the City of McAllen Special Election Ballot & blank petition form (if desired to submit in lieu of filing fee as per item 8 on the aforesaid Candidate requirements).
- Authorization Form for release of certain information (specifically personal email address) contained in Application for Place on the Ballot.
- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer Form (CTA Form) and Instruction Guide.
- Code of Fair Campaign Practices Form (CFCP Form)
- Declaration of Write-In Candidacy form.

The above-referenced forms are filed locally in my office within the prescribed time, as each application will be carefully reviewed to ensure compliance with the Election Code requirements as it relates to content. Moreover, kindly submit your application as soon as practicable to allow sufficient time for the review to take place.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or if I may be of assistance. I have included my business card in your folder.

Best regards,

Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary/Early Voting Clerk



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Estimado Candidato:

Felicidades por su interés en el proceso gubernamental de la Ciudad de McAllen y por contemplar un puesto en la boleta como candidato en la Elección Especial que se efectuara el 20 de enero, 2018 para Comisionado para la Mesa Directiva de la Ciudad de McAllen, Texas para el Distrito Unimembro 1, para un término inconcluso.

El periodo para archivar su solicitud para un puesto en la boleta da inicio el 10 de octubre, 2017 y tiene plazo límite del 20 de noviembre, 2017 a las 5:00 pm. Adjunto se encuentra un expediente que contiene la siguiente información y formularios:

- Requisitos para Candidatura
- Solicitud para un lugar en la boleta como candidato en la Elección Especial de la Ciudad de McAllen y un formulario de petición en blanco (por si desea presentarlo en lugar del costo para archivar como se requiere en la sección 8 de los requisitos para candidatura antes mencionados)
- Autorización para la diseminación de cierta información contenida en la solicitud para un lugar en la boleta al público (especialmente, la dirección del correo electrónico personal)
- Solicitud para el nombramiento de Tesorero de Campaña (forma CTA) y la Guía de Instrucción
- Solicitud del código de prácticas de campaña (forma CFCP)
- Solicitud para la declaración de candidatura por escrito.

Las formas antes citadas deberán presentarse localmente en mi oficina en el plazo establecido, ya que cada solicitud será revisada cuidadosamente para garantizar el cumplimiento de los requisitos del Código Electoral. Por otra parte, favor de presentar amablemente su solicitud tan pronto como sea posible para que haya tiempo suficiente para que la revisión se lleve a cabo.

Para más información puede comunicarse al 681-1020.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peña Lara".

Peña Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM

Secretaría de la Ciudad y de la Votación Adelantada

City of McAllen Candidate Requirements

The filing period for a place on the ballot is October 10, 2017 through November 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Individuals who wish to run for City Commission or Public Utility Board must meet the following requirements:

1. **Must** be a citizen of the United States.
2. **Must** be 21 years of age or older on commencement of the term to be filled.
3. **Must** not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.
4. **Must** not have been convicted of a felony for which he/she has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.
5. **Must** be a qualified voter of the City of McAllen.
6. **Must** have resided continuously in this state and in the City for twelve (12) months preceding the date of the deadline for filing for office. If filing for a Single-Member District Commissioner position, candidate must have resided in that district for six (6) months preceding such date, and if elected must maintain their prime place of residence in such district for the entire term for which they were elected. To prove residency in the City and District, applicants can submit a copy of a current utility bill, a copy of their most recent property tax bill, a government-issued photo ID, a Hidalgo County-issued voter registration card, a government-issued document or other document(s) that evidence(s) residency.
7. **Must** designate a Campaign Treasurer.
8. **Must** file an Application for a Place on a Ballot. Application must also be accompanied by either:
 - a. a filing fee of \$500 for the position of Mayor/\$250 for a single-member district Commissioner or Public Utility Trustee position; or
 - b. a petition signed by:
 - i. registered voters residing in the City for the position of Mayor or Public Utility Trustee; or
 - ii. registered voters residing in the District from which the Single-Member Commissioner position is elected.

The number of signatures must equal to the greater of: (1) 25; or (2) one-half of one percent of the total vote received in the territory from which the office is elected by all the candidates for Mayor in the most recent mayoral election.

9. **Must** file a Personal Financial Disclosure Report as required by State Law no later than January 15, 2018.
(NOTE: Candidates for Public Utility Board do not have to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Report.)

Requisitos de Candidatura para la Ciudad de McAllen

El periodo de presentación de la solicitud para un lugar en la boleta electoral es del 10 de octubre del 2017 al 20 de noviembre de 2017 a las 5:00 pm. Las personas que deseen postularse para La Mesa Directiva de la Ciudad de McAllen o el Consejo de Administración de Servicios Públicos deben cumplir los siguientes requisitos:

1. **Debe** ser un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos.
2. **Debe** tener 21 años de edad o más en el inicio del plazo que fuese llenado.
3. **No debe** haber sido determinado mentalmente incompetente por una sentencia de un Tribunal.
4. **No debe** haber sido condenado por un delito por el que él/ella no ha sido perdonado o no por las incapacidades resultantes.
5. **Debe** ser un elector calificado de la Ciudad de McAllen.
6. **Debe** haber habitado de forma continua en este estado y en la Ciudad por doce (12) meses anteriores a la fecha del plazo para la presentación de solicitud de la oficina. Si la solicitud es para el puesto de Comisionado de Distrito Uní Miembro, el candidato debe haber habitado en ese distrito por seis (6) meses anteriores a dicha fecha, y si es elegido estará obligado a mantener su lugar principal de residencia en el distrito durante el período para el que fuese elegido. Para demostrar la residencia en la Ciudad y el distrito, los solicitantes para candidatura pueden presentar una copia de una factura de servicios públicos, una copia de su factura de impuestos a la propiedad más reciente, una identificación con foto emitida por el gobierno, una tarjeta de registro de votantes del Condado de Hidalgo que no fuese expedido, un documento emitido por el gobierno u otro documento(s) de comprobante de su residencia.
7. **Debe** designar a un tesorero de campaña.
8. **Debe** presentar la solicitud oficial para un lugar en la boleta. La solicitud también debe ir acompañada de:
 - a. una cuota de \$500 por el puesto del Alcalde / \$250 por el puesto de Comisionado de distrito uní miembro o para Fideicomisario al Consejo de Administración de Servicios Públicos y o.
 - b. una petición firmada por:
 - i. electores inscritos que residan en la Ciudad si para el cargo de Fideicomisario al Consejo de Administración de Servicios Públicos o Alcalde de la Mesa Directiva de Comisionados
 - ii. electores inscritos que residan en el distrito a la cual el puesto de Comisionado de Distrito Uní Miembro es elegido.

El número de firmas debe ser igual al mayor de: (1) 25, o (2) la mitad del uno por ciento del número total de votos obtenidos en el territorio por la cual es elegido por todos los candidatos a Alcalde en la más reciente elección de Alcaldía.
9. **Debe** presentar un informe financiero personal de divulgación como lo requiere la Ley Estatal a más tardar el 15 enero del 2018. (NOTA: Los candidatos para el Consejo de Administración de Servicios Públicos no se requieren presentar tal informe financiero personal.)

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE _____ SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT					
TO: City Secretary/Secretary of Board					
I request that my name be placed on the above-named official ballot as a candidate for the office indicated below.					
OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)					
FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)			PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT¹		
PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe the address at which you receive personal mail and location of residence.)			PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Campaign mailing address, if available.)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)		OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)		DATE OF BIRTH / /	
				VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER (Optional) ²	
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: Work: Cell:		LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN			
		IN STATE		IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED³	
		_____ year (s) _____ month(s)		_____ year (s) _____ month(s)	
If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.					
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:					
"I, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.					
I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct."					
X _____					
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE					
Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the _____ day of _____, _____.					
SEAL					
_____ Signature of Officer Administering Oath ⁴			_____ Title of Officer Administering Oath		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:					
(See Section 1.007)					
		_____ Date Received		_____ Signature of Secretary	
Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>					

INSTRUCTIONS

A special election can be used to fill a vacancy only if authorized by law.

An application for a special election may not be filed until after the election is ordered. The filing deadline is governed by Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code, and by the date the special election was ordered. The filing deadline should be stated in the election order. Please review the Secretary of State's election law calendars for Section 201.054 deadlines.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption. Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

FOOTNOTES

¹For rules concerning the form of a candidate's name or nickname on the ballot, see subchapter B, chapter 52 of the Texas Election Code.

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³This refers to the length of residence inside the district or territory from which the office is elected. For example, length of residence in a school district, for a school trustee office elected at large. This field **MUST BE COMPLETED**.

⁴All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas.

DEBE PROPORCIONARSE LA INFORMACIÓN REQUERIDA A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE QUE ES OPCIONAL

SOLICITUD PARA FIGURAR EN LA BOLETA DE _____ ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL					
A: Secretario(a) de la Ciudad/ Secretario del Consejo					
Solicito que mi nombre figure en la boleta oficial indicada más arriba como candidato/a al cargo a continuación.					
PUESTO OFICIAL SOLICITADO (Incluya cualquier número de cargo u otro número distintivo, si el cargo lo tiene).					
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer nombre, segundo nombre, apellido)			ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE FIGURE EN LA BOLETA¹		
DIRECCIÓN RESIDENCIAL PERMANENTE (No incluya una casilla postal o una ruta rural. Si usted no tiene una dirección residencial, describa el lugar en que recibe correspondencia personal y la ubicación de su residencia.)			DIRECCIÓN POSTAL PÚBLICA (Dirección en la que recibirá correspondencia relacionada a su campaña, si es disponible.)		
CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL
CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PÚBLICO (Si está disponible.)		EMPLEO (No deje este espacio en blanco.)		FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / /	VID – NÚMERO UNICO DE IDENTIFICACION DE VOTANTE (Opcional) ²
INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO (Opcional) Tel. residencial: Tel. laboral: Tel. celular:			DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA AL MOMENTO DE JURAMENTAR ESTA SOLICITUD		
			EN EL ESTADO ____ año(s) ____ mes(es)		EN EL TERRITORIO POR EL CUAL SERIA ELECTO/A³ ____ año(s) ____ mes(es)
En caso de usar un apodo como parte de su nombre en la boleta, usted también firma y jura lo siguiente: Asimismo, juro que mi apodo no constituye un lema político ni tampoco es una indicación de mis creencias o afiliaciones políticas, económicas, sociales o religiosas. Se me ha conocido por este apodo durante al menos tres años antes de esta elección.					
Ante mí, la autoridad suscrita, compareció (nombre) _____, quien frente a mí y bajo juramento debido, declara: "Yo, (nombre) _____, del condado de _____, Texas, siendo candidato para el cargo oficial de _____, juro solemnemente que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar tal cargo oficial bajo la Constitución y las leyes de este Estado. No se me ha condenado por un delito mayor por el cual no haya sido absuelto o por el cual no se me hayan restituido enteramente mis derechos de ciudadanía por medio de otra acción oficial. No existe un fallo final de un tribunal testamentario que me declare total o parcialmente incapacitado mentalmente sin derecho a votar. Yo tengo conocimiento de la ley sobre el nepotismo según el Capítulo 573 del Código de Gobierno. Además, juro que las declaraciones anteriores que incluyo en mi solicitud son verdaderas y correctas".					
X			_____		
			FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO		
Jurado y suscrito ante mí en _____, este día _____ de _____, _____.					
			SELLO		
Firma del oficial que administra el juramento ⁴			Título del oficial que administra el juramento		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY SECRETARY OR SECRETARY OF BOARD:					
(See Section 1.007)					
		_____		_____	
		Date Received		Signature of Secretary	
Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>					

INSTRUCCIONES

Una elección especial puede ser usada para llenar una vacante solamente si está autorizado por la ley.

Una solicitud para una elección especial no puede ser presentada hasta que la elección sea ordenada. La fecha límite de presentación se rige por la Sección 201.054 del Código Electoral de Texas, y por la fecha en que se ordenó la elección especial. La fecha límite de presentación debería ser indicada en la orden de elección. Por favor revise el calendario de leyes electorales del Secretario de Estado para la fechas límite de la Sección 201.054.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la división de elecciones del Secretario de Estado al 800-252-8683.

LEY SOBRE EL NEPOTISMO

El candidato deberá firmar esta declaración para indicar que tiene conocimiento sobre la ley sobre el nepotismo. A continuación figuran las prohibiciones del nepotismo según el capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún funcionario podrá nombrar, votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de ninguno de sus parientes en segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o en tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o de los parientes de cualquier otro integrante del cuerpo directivo o tribunal en que el funcionario celebre sesión cuando la compensación para esa persona se pague con fondos públicos u honorarios de su puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por o la confirmación de ninguna persona que haya trabajado en la oficina de manera continua o el empleo para el siguiente período antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el funcionario o miembro se elige en una elección general de funcionarios de estado y condado.

Ningún candidato podrá influir sobre un empleado relacionado al puesto oficial al cual el candidato aspira o un empleado o funcionario del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato aspira respecto del nombramiento o el empleo de un pariente del candidato en un grado prohibido según se indica arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto de una clase o categoría de empleados o posibles empleados de buena fe.

Los ejemplos de parentesco en tercer grado por consanguinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a);
- (3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parentescos de consanguinidad, medios hermanos y adopción legal. Los ejemplos de parentescos en segundo grado por afinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: cónyuge, suegro(a), yerno, nuera;
- (2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del cónyuge.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) incluyen los cónyuges de parientes emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el cónyuge y los parientes del cónyuge por consanguinidad. No todos estos ejemplos son inclusivos.

NOTAS

¹Para reglas sobre la forma del nombre de un candidato o apodo en la boleta electoral, vea el subcapítulo B, Capítulo 52 del Código Electoral de Texas.

²La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Ingles) es opcional. Sin embargo, para muchos candidatos, es un requisito estar registrados como votantes en el territorio por el cual serían electos a partir de la fecha límite de la solicitud. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre el requisito de registro de votante en nuestra página: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³Esto se refiere a la duración de la residencia dentro del distrito o territorio de que se elige la oficina. Por ejemplo, la duración de residencia en un distrito escolar, para una oficina del consejero escolar elegida en general. Este campo **DEBE SER COMPLETADO**.

⁴Los juramentos, las declaraciones juradas o las afirmaciones que se efectúen dentro de este Estado podrán ser administradas por un juez, escribano o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, por un notario público, un juez de paz, un secretario de la ciudad o el Secretario de Estado de Texas, quienes cuentan con la capacidad de proporcionar un certificado del hecho.

PETITION IN LIEU OF A FILING FEE (for use in a special election)
(PETICIÓN PRESENTADA EN SUSTITUCION DEL PAGO DE DERECHOS DE INSCRIPCIÓN - para efectos de elecciones especiales)

Name of Circulator _____ Page ____ of ____

Signing the petition of more than one candidate for the same office in the same election is prohibited. *(Se prohíbe firmar la petición de más de un candidato para el mismo puesto oficial en la misma elección.)*

COMPLETE ALL BLANKS. (LENE TODOS LOS ESPACIOS EN BLANCO.)

Name of candidate <i>(Nombre de candidato)</i>	Address <i>(Dirección)</i>	Office sought <i>(Puesto oficial solicitado)</i>
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Date Signed <i>(Fecha de Firma)</i>	Signature <i>(Firma)</i>	Printed Name <i>(Nombre en letra de molde)</i>	Residence Address (Including City, Texas, Zip) <i>(Dirección de Residencia (Incluye Ciudad, Estado, Código Postal))</i>	County <i>(Condado)</i>	Voter VUID Number <i>(Núm. de VUID de Votante)</i>	Date of Birth <i>(Fecha de Nacimiento)</i>

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR (DECLARACION JURADA DE LA PERSONA QUE HACE CIRCULAR LA PETICION)

STATE OF TEXAS *(ESTADO DE TEJAS)* COUNTY OF *(CONDADO DE)* _____ BEFORE ME, the undersigned, on this ___/___/___ (date) personally appeared *(ANTE MI, el/la suscrito(a), en este (fecha) compareció)* _____, (name of person who circulated petition) – *(nombre de la persona que hizo circular la petición)* who being duly sworn, deposes and says: “I called each signer’s attention to the above statements and read them to the signer before the signer affixed their signature to the petition. I witnessed the affixing of each signature. The correct date of signing is shown on the petition. I verified each signer’s registration status and believe that each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name is signed and that the corresponding information for each signer is correct.” *(quien, habiendo prestado el juramento correspondiente, declaró y dijo: “Llamé la atención de cada firmante sobre la declaración citada y se la lei antes de que la suscribiera. Atestigué cada firma, y la fecha correcta de las firmas consta en la petición. Verifiqué la situación de cada firmante en lo concerniente a su inscripción y creo que cada firma es la auténtica de la persona cuyo nombre aparece firmado y que son exactos los datos correspondientes a cada firmante.”)* SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS DATE *(JURADO Y SUSCRITO ANTE MI, CON ESTA FECHA)*

(SEAL)
(Sello)

X _____
 Signature of circulator *(Firma de la persona que hizo circular la petición)*

X _____
 Signature of officer administering oath¹ *(Firma del/de la funcionario(a) que le tomó juramento)¹*

X _____
 Title of officer administering oath *(Título oficial del/de la funcionario(a) que le tomó juramento)*

INSTRUCTIONS AND FOOTNOTES ON BACK *(AL DORSO: INSTRUCCIONES Y ANOTACIONES)*

INSTRUCTIONS (Petition in Lieu of Filing Fee) (Special) (AW2-19) (3/07)

The petition shall be filed with the same officer with whom an application for a place on the ballot for the office being sought is to be filed and must be filed at the same time as such application.

The petition may consist of several parts, and each part may consist of several pages. The statement in the box at the head of the page must appear at the head of each page of signatures. The affidavit at the bottom of the page must accompany each part but is not required for each page of signatures.

The person or persons who circulate the petition must be administered the affidavit by the proper officer.

INSTRUCCIONES: (Petición presentada en sustitución del pago de derechos de inscripción)

Esta petición deberá presentarse ante el mismo oficial a quien se solicite inscripción en la boleta para el puesto que se busca y al mismo tiempo que la solicitud correspondiente.

La petición puede estar dividida en diversas secciones y cada sección a su vez puede constar de varias páginas. La declaración que está en el cuadro que encabeza el formulario deberá aparecer al principio de cada hoja que contenga firmas. La declaración jurada que aparece al pie del formulario deberá incluirse con cada sección de la petición; no se exige que aparezca en cada página de firmas.

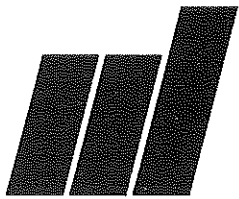
La(s) persona(s) que haga(n) circular la petición deberá(n) firmar la declaración jurada ante el oficial correspondiente.

FOOTNOTES

¹All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary, and the Secretary of State of Texas.

ANOTACIONES

¹*Todo juramento, testimonio o afirmación hecho dentro de este Estado se podrá administrar y se podrá dar un certificado del hecho por un juez, escribano, o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario de la ciudad, y el Secretario del Estado de Texas.*



CITY OF McALLEN

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CANDIDATE AUTHORIZATION FORM

Candidate Name: _____

As a Candidate for the January 20, 2018 City of McAllen Special Election, I understand the following:

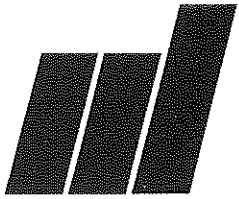
- A box is shown for a candidate's e-mail address on the "Application for a Place on the City of McAllen, Texas Special Election Ballot" form.
- Listing the e-mail address is indicated as an "optional" item to include on the form.
- I am not required to have an email address to run for office.
- Personal e-mail addresses are generally considered confidential; however, the "Application for a Place on the City of McAllen, Texas Special Election Ballot" form is subject to release in response to public information requests under the Public Information Act.

By signing this acknowledgment form, I hereby indicate my decision on whether or not to release my personal e-mail address should I include it on the application. Alternately, I may choose to include a campaign-specific email address, or no email address at all.

- Acknowledged and Approved to Release Personal E-Mail Address
- Acknowledged and Approved to Release a Campaign-specific E-Mail address
- I choose to not list any email address

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____



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FORMULARIO DE AUTORIZACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO

Nombre del candidato: _____

Como candidato a la elección especial del 20 de enero 2018 de la Ciudad de McAllen, estoy informado y entiendo lo siguiente:

- ✓ Un espacio se muestra en el formulario para el correo electrónico de un candidato en la "Solicitud para un lugar en la Boleta de la Elección Especial de la Ciudad de McAllen."
- ✓ El desglosar la dirección del correo electrónico en dicho formulario es indicado como punto "opcional". No estoy obligado a tener una dirección de correo electrónico para inscribirme como candidato.
- ✓ No estoy obligado a tener una dirección de correo electrónico para inscribirme como candidato.
- ✓ Las direcciones de el correo electrónico personales son generalmente consideradas confidenciales; Sin embargo, la "Solicitud para un lugar en la Boleta de Elección Especial de la Ciudad de McAllen" está sujeta a disponibilidad en respuesta a las solicitudes bajo la Ley de la Información Pública Estatal.

Al firmar este formulario de reconocimiento, por la presente indico mi decisión que concierne si acaso hago mi dirección personal del correo electrónico disponible bajo la Ley de la Información Pública. Alternativamente, puedo optar por incluir una dirección de correo electrónico específica de la campaña, o ninguna dirección de correo electrónico en lo absoluto.

- Reconocido y Aprobado para desglosar la dirección de correo electrónico
- Reconocido y Aprobado para desglosar una dirección de correo electrónico específica de la campaña
- Elijo no incluir ninguna dirección de correo electrónico

Firma del Candidato

Fecha: _____

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA
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See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.		1 Total pages filed:	
2 CANDIDATE NAME	MS / MRS / MR FIRST MI	OFFICE USE ONLY	
	NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX	Filer ID #	
3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE	Date Received	
		Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked	
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION	Receipt #	Amount \$
	()	Date Processed	
5 OFFICE HELD (if any)		Date Imaged	
6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)			
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS/MRS/MR FIRST MI NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX		
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX PLEASE); APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE		
9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE PHONE NUMBER EXTENSION		
10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	<p>I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code.</p> <p>I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code.</p> <p>I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of Candidate Date Signed</p>		
GO TO PAGE 2			

CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION

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11 CANDIDATE
NAME

12 MODIFIED
REPORTING
DECLARATION

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING

**.. This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before
the first election to which the declaration applies. ..**

.. The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. ..
(An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)

**.. Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party
may NOT choose modified reporting. ..**

I do not intend to accept more than \$500 in political contributions or
make more than \$500 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees)
in connection with any future election within the election cycle.
I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I will be
required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a runoff
report.

Year of election(s) or election cycle to
which declaration applies

Signature of Candidate

This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.

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APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions are for the APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (Form CTA). Use Form CTA only for appointing your campaign treasurer. Use the AMENDMENT (Form ACTA) for changing information previously reported on Form CTA and for renewing your choice to report under the modified schedule. Note: Candidates for most judicial offices use Form JCTA to file a campaign treasurer appointment.

DUTIES OF A CANDIDATE OR OFFICEHOLDER. As a candidate or officeholder, you alone, not the campaign treasurer, are responsible for filing this form and all candidate/officeholder reports of contributions, expenditures, and loans. Failing to file a report on time or filing an incomplete report may subject you to criminal or civil penalties.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER. A person is ineligible for appointment as a campaign treasurer if the person is the campaign treasurer of a political committee that has outstanding filing obligations (including outstanding penalties). This prohibition does not apply if the committee in connection with which the ineligibility arose has not accepted more than \$5,000 in political contributions or made more than \$5,000 in political expenditures in any semiannual reporting period. A person who violates this prohibition is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed three times the amount of political contributions accepted or political expenditures made in violation of this provision. Note: A candidate may appoint himself or herself as his or her own campaign treasurer.

DUTIES OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER. State law does not impose any obligations on a candidate's campaign treasurer.

REQUIREMENT TO FILE BEFORE BEGINNING A CAMPAIGN. If you plan to run for a public office in Texas (except for a federal office), you must file this form when you become a candidate even if you do not intend to accept campaign contributions or make campaign expenditures. A "candidate" is a person who knowingly and willingly takes affirmative action for the purpose of gaining nomination or election to public office or for the purpose of satisfying financial obligations incurred by the person in connection with the campaign for nomination or election. Examples of affirmative action include:

- (A) the filing of a campaign treasurer appointment, except that the filing does not constitute candidacy or an announcement of candidacy for purposes of the automatic resignation provisions of Article XVI, Section 65, or Article XI, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution;
- (B) the filing of an application for a place on the ballot;
- (C) the filing of an application for nomination by convention;

- (D) the filing of a declaration of intent to become an independent candidate or a declaration of write-in candidacy;
- (E) the making of a public announcement of a definite intent to run for public office in a particular election, regardless of whether the specific office is mentioned in the announcement;
- (F) before a public announcement of intent, the making of a statement of definite intent to run for public office and the soliciting of support by letter or other mode of communication;
- (G) the soliciting or accepting of a campaign contribution or the making of a campaign expenditure; and
- (H) the seeking of the nomination of an executive committee of a political party to fill a vacancy.

Additionally, the law provides that you must file this form before you may accept a campaign contribution or make or authorize a campaign expenditure, including an expenditure from your personal funds. A filing fee paid to a filing authority to qualify for a place on a ballot is a campaign expenditure that may not be made before filing a campaign treasurer appointment form with the proper filing authority.

If you are an officeholder, you may make officeholder expenditures and accept officeholder contributions without having a campaign treasurer appointment on file. If you do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and you wish to accept *campaign* contributions or make *campaign* expenditures in connection with your office or for a different office, you must file this form before doing so. In such a case, a sworn report of contributions, expenditures, and loans will be due no later than the 15th day after filing this form.

WHERE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT. The appropriate filing authority depends on the office sought or held.

a. Texas Ethics Commission. The Texas Ethics Commission is the appropriate filing authority for the Secretary of State and for candidates for or holders of the following offices:

- Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner.
- State Senator or State Representative.
- Supreme Court Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, and Court of Appeals Judge.*
- State Board of Education.
- A multi-county district judge* or multi-county district attorney.
- A single-county district judge.*

- An office of a political subdivision other than a county if the political subdivision includes areas in more than one county and if the governing body of the political subdivision has not been formed.
 - A chair of the state executive committee of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election.
 - A county chair of a political party with a nominee on the ballot in the most recent gubernatorial election if the county has a population of 350,000 or more.
- * Judicial candidates use FORM JCTA to appoint a campaign treasurer.

b. County Clerk. The county clerk (or the county elections administrator or tax assessor, as applicable) is the appropriate local filing authority for a candidate for:

- A county office.
- A precinct office.
- A district office (except for multi-county district offices).
- An office of a political subdivision other than a county if the political subdivision is within the boundaries of a single county and if the governing body of the political subdivision has not been formed.

c. Local Filing Authority. If a candidate is seeking an office of a political subdivision other than a county, the appropriate filing authority is the *clerk or secretary of the governing body* of the political subdivision. If the political subdivision has no clerk or secretary, the appropriate filing authority is the governing body's presiding officer. Basically, any political subdivision that is authorized by the laws of this state to hold an election is considered a local filing authority. Examples are cities, school districts, and municipal utility districts.

FILING WITH A DIFFERENT AUTHORITY. If you have a campaign treasurer appointment on file with one authority, and you wish to accept campaign contributions or make or authorize campaign expenditures in connection with another office that would require filing with a different authority, you must file a new campaign treasurer appointment *and* a copy of your old campaign treasurer appointment (certified by the old authority) with the new filing authority before beginning your campaign. You should also provide written notice to the original filing authority that your future reports will be filed with another authority.

FORMING A POLITICAL COMMITTEE. As a candidate, you must file an APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (FORM CTA). You may also form a specific-purpose committee to support your candidacy. Remember that filing a campaign treasurer appointment for a political committee does not eliminate the requirement that a candidate file his or her own campaign treasurer appointment (FORM CTA) and the related reports.

NOTE: See the *Campaign Finance Guide for Political Committees* for further information about specific-purpose committees.

CHANGING A CAMPAIGN TREASURER. If you wish to change your campaign treasurer, simply file an amended campaign treasurer appointment (FORM ACTA). This will automatically terminate the outgoing campaign treasurer appointment.

AMENDING A CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT. If *any* of the information reported on the campaign treasurer appointment (FORM CTA) changes, file an AMENDMENT: APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE (FORM ACTA) to report the change.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFICEHOLDERS. If you are an officeholder who appoints a campaign treasurer after a period of not having one, you must file a report of contributions, expenditures, and loans no later than the 15th day after your appointment is effective. This requirement is not applicable if you are a candidate or an officeholder who is merely changing campaign treasurers.

TERMINATING A CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT. You may terminate your campaign treasurer appointment at any time by:

- 1) filing a campaign treasurer appointment for a successor campaign treasurer, or
- 2) filing a final report.

Remember that you may not accept any campaign contributions or make or authorize any campaign expenditures without a campaign treasurer appointment on file. You may, however, accept officeholder contributions and make or authorize officeholder expenditures.

If your campaign treasurer quits, he or she must give written notice to both you and your filing authority. The termination will be effective on the date you receive the notice or on the date your filing authority receives the notice, whichever is later.

FILING A FINAL REPORT. For filing purposes, you are a “candidate” as long as you have an appointment of campaign treasurer on file. If you do not expect to accept any further campaign contributions or to make any further campaign expenditures, you may file a final report of contributions and expenditures. A final report terminates your appointment of campaign treasurer and relieves you of the obligation of filing further reports as a candidate. If you have surplus funds, or if you retain assets purchased with political funds, you will be required to file annual reports. (*See instructions for FORM C/OH - UC.*) If you are an officeholder at the time of filing a final report, you may be required to file semiannual reports of contributions, expenditures, and loans as an officeholder.

If you do not have an appointment of campaign treasurer on file, you may not accept *campaign* contributions or make *campaign* expenditures. A payment on a campaign debt is a campaign expenditure. An officeholder who does not have an appointment of campaign treasurer on file may accept *officeholder* contributions and make *officeholder* expenditures.

To file a final report, you must complete the CANDIDATE/OFFICEHOLDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT (FORM C/OH), check the “final” box on Page 1, Section 9, and complete and attach the DESIGNATION OF FINAL REPORT (FORM C/OH-FR).

ELECTRONIC FILING. All persons filing campaign finance reports with the Texas Ethics Commission are required to file those reports electronically unless the person is entitled to claim an exemption. Please check the Ethics Commission’s website at <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us> for information about exemptions from the electronic filing requirements.

GUIDES. All candidates should review the applicable Ethics Commission’s campaign finance guide. Guides are available on the Ethics Commission’s website at <http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Each numbered item in these instructions corresponds to the same numbered item on the form.

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- 1. TOTAL PAGES FILED:** After you have completed the form, enter the total number of pages of this form and any additional pages. A “page” is one side of a two-sided form. If you are not using a two-sided form, a “page” is a single sheet.
- 2. CANDIDATE NAME:** Enter your full name, including nicknames and suffixes (e.g., Sr., Jr., III), if applicable. Enter your name in the same way on Page 2, Section 11, of this form.
- 3. CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS:** Enter your complete mailing address, including zip code. This information will allow your filing authority to correspond with you. If this information changes, please notify your filing authority immediately.
- 4. CANDIDATE PHONE:** Enter your phone number, including the area code and extension, if applicable.
- 5. OFFICE HELD:** If you are an officeholder, please enter the office you currently hold. Include the district, precinct, or other designation for the office, if applicable.
- 6. OFFICE SOUGHT:** If you are a candidate, please enter the office you seek, if known. Include the district, precinct, or other designation for the office, if applicable.
- 7. CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME:** Enter the full name of your campaign treasurer, including nicknames and suffixes (e.g., Sr., Jr., III), if applicable.
- 8. CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS:** Enter the complete street address of your campaign treasurer, including the zip code. You may enter either the treasurer’s business or residential street address. If you are your own treasurer, you may enter either your business or residential street address. Please do not enter a P.O. Box.

- 9. CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE:** Enter the phone number of your campaign treasurer, including the area code and extension, if applicable.
- 10. CANDIDATE SIGNATURE:** Enter your signature after reading the summary. Your signature here indicates that you have read the following summary of the nepotism law; that you are aware of your responsibility to file timely reports; and that you are aware of the restrictions on contributions from corporations and labor organizations.
- The Texas nepotism law (Government Code, chapter 573) imposes certain restrictions on both officeholders and candidates. You should consult the statute in regard to the restrictions applicable to officeholders.
 - A candidate may not take an affirmative action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate seeks election in regard to the appointment, confirmation, employment or employment conditions of an individual who is related to the candidate within a prohibited degree.
 - A candidate for a multi-member governmental body may not take an affirmative action to influence an officer or employee of the governmental body to which the candidate seeks election in regard to the appointment, confirmation, or employment of an individual related to the candidate in a prohibited degree.
 - Two people are related within a prohibited degree if they are related within the third degree by consanguinity (blood) or the second degree by affinity (marriage). The degree of consanguinity is determined by the number of generations that separate them. If neither is descended from the other, the degree of consanguinity is determined by adding the number of generations that each is separated from a common ancestor. Examples: (1) first degree - parent to child; (2) second degree - grandparent to grandchild; or brother to sister; (3) third degree - great-grandparent to great-grandchild; or aunt to niece who is child of individual's brother or sister. A husband and wife are related in the first degree by affinity. A wife has the same degree of relationship by affinity to her husband's relatives as her husband has by consanguinity. For example, a wife is related to her husband's grandmother in the second degree by affinity.

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- 11. CANDIDATE NAME:** Enter your name as you did on Page 1.
- 12. MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION:** Sign this option if you wish to report under the modified reporting schedule.

The modified reporting option is not available for candidates for the office of state chair of a political party.

To the left of your signature, enter the year of the election or election cycle to which your selection of modified reporting applies.

Your selection of modified reporting is valid for an entire election cycle. For example, if you choose modified reporting before a primary election, your selection remains in effect for any runoff and for the general election and any related runoff. You must make this selection at least 30 days before the first election to which your selection applies.

An opposed candidate in an election is eligible to report under the modified reporting schedule if he or she does not intend to accept more than \$500 in political contributions or make more than \$500 in political expenditures in connection with an election. The amount of a filing fee paid to qualify for a place on the ballot does not count against the \$500 expenditure limit. An opposed candidate who reports under the modified schedule is not required to file pre-election reports (due 30 days and 8 days before an election) or runoff reports (due 8 days before a runoff). (Note: An *unopposed* candidate is not required to file pre-election reports in the first place.) The obligations to file semiannual reports, special pre-election reports (formerly known as telegram reports), or special session reports, if applicable, are not affected by selecting the modified schedule.

The \$500 maximums apply to each election within the cycle. In other words, you are limited to \$500 in contributions and expenditures in connection with the primary, an additional \$500 in contributions and expenditures in connection with the general election, and an additional \$500 in contributions and expenditures in connection with a runoff.

EXCEEDING \$500 IN CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES. If you exceed \$500 in contributions or expenditures in connection with an election, you must file according to the regular filing schedule. In other words, you must file pre-election reports and a runoff report, if you are in a runoff.

If you exceed either of the \$500 limits *after the 30th day before the election*, you must file a sworn report of contributions and expenditures within 48 hours after exceeding the limit. After that, you must file any pre-election reports or runoff reports that are due under the regular filing schedule.

Your selection is not valid for other elections or election cycles. Use the amendment form (ACTA) to renew your option to file under the modified schedule for a different election year or election cycle.

For more information, see the Ethics Commission’s campaign finance guide that applies to you.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

FORM CFCP COVER SHEET

Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, 1997, may subscribe to the code at any time.

Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary.

OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Received
Date Hand-delivered or Postmarked
Date Processed
Date Imaged

1 ACCOUNT NUMBER (Ethics Commission Filers)	2 TYPE OF FILER CANDIDATE <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL COMMITTEE <input type="checkbox"/> <i>If filing as a candidate, complete boxes 3 - 6, then read and sign page 2.</i> <i>If filing for a political committee, complete boxes 7 and 8, then read and sign page 2.</i>		
3 NAME OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)	FIRST	MI NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)
4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	AREA CODE ()	PHONE NUMBER	EXTENSION
5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	STREET / PO BOX;	APT / SUITE #;	CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE
6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)			
7 NAME OF COMMITTEE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)			
8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)	FIRST	MI NICKNAME LAST SUFFIX (SR., JR., III, etc.)

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CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent’s record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate’s personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Signature

Date

ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNLESS INDICATED OPTIONAL

DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY FOR _____
(City, School or Other Political Subdivision)

TO: Filing Officer

I declare that I am a write-in candidate for the office indicated below.

OFFICE SOUGHT (Include any place number or other distinguishing number, if any.)	INDICATE TERM <input type="checkbox"/> FULL <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPIRED
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FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)	PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON THE LIST OF DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES¹
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PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Do not include a P.O. Box or Rural Route. If you do not have a residence address, describe location of residence.)	PUBLIC MAILING ADDRESS (Address for which you receive campaign related correspondence.)
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CITY	STATE	ZIP	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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PUBLIC EMAIL ADDRESS (If available)	OCCUPATION (Do not leave blank)	DATE OF BIRTH / /	VOTER REGISTRATION VOID NUMBER² (Optional)
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CONTACT INFORMATION (Optional) Home: Work: Cell:	LENGTH OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE AS OF DATE APPLICATION SWORN	
	IN STATE	IN TERRITORY FROM WHICH THE OFFICE SOUGHT IS ELECTED³
	____ year(s) ____ month(s)	____ year(s) ____ month(s)

If using a nickname as part of your name to appear on the ballot, you are also signing and swearing to the following statements: I further swear that my nickname does not constitute a slogan nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared (name) _____, who being by me here and now duly sworn, upon oath says:

“I, (name) _____, of _____ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of _____, swear that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas. I am a citizen of the United States eligible to hold such office under the constitution and laws of this state. I have not been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights of citizenship restored by other official action. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I am aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code.

I further swear that the foregoing statements included in my application are in all things true and correct.”

X _____
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, this the ____ day of _____, _____.

SEAL

Signature of Officer Administering Oath⁴

Title of Officer Administering Oath

TO BE COMPLETED BY FILING OFFICER:
(See Section 1.007)

Voter Registration Status Verified <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Date Received	_____ Signature of Filing Officer
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INSTRUCTIONS

The declaration of write-in candidacy is filed with the City Secretary, Secretary of Board of Trustees, or Secretary of Board of Directors.

The declaration must be received by the filing officer not later than the 74th day before election day. TEX. ELEC. CODE §§ 144.006, 146.054.

Mailing without a delivery by the deadline is not sufficient. The declaration may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline for filing the application. A declaration filed before that day is void.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to himself, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which he serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Examples of relatives within the third degree of consanguinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: parent, child;
- (2) Second degree: brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild;
- (3) Third degree: great-grandparent, great-grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece.

These include relatives by blood, half-blood, and legal adoption. Examples of relatives within the second degree of affinity are as follows:

- (1) First degree: spouse, spouse's parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law;
- (2) Second degree: brother's spouse, sister's spouse, spouse's brother, spouse's sister, spouse's grandparent.

Persons related by affinity (marriage) include spouses of relatives by consanguinity, and, if married, the spouse and the spouse's relatives by consanguinity. These examples are not all inclusive.

FOOTNOTES

¹For rules concerning the form of a candidate's name or nickname on the declared list of write-in candidates, see Subchapter B, Chapter 52 of the Texas Election Code.

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³This refers to the length of residence inside the district or territory from which the office is elected. For example, length of residence in a school district, for a school trustee office elected at large. This field **MUST BE COMPLETED**.

⁴All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas.

DEBE PROPORCIONARSE LA INFORMACIÓN REQUERIDA A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE QUE ES OPCIONAL

DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATURA POR INSERCIÓN ESCRITA PARA UN PUESTO OFICIAL DE LA CIUDAD, ESCUELA U OTRA SUBDIVISIÓN POLÍTICA											
A: Oficial de Presentación											
Por la presente declaro que soy un candidato por inserción escrita para el puesto oficial indicado abajo.											
CARGO OFICIAL SOLICITADO (Incluya cualquier número de cargo u otro número distintivo, si el cargo lo tiene.)				INDIQUE TÉRMINO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO COMPLETO <input type="checkbox"/> TÉRMINO INCOMPLETO							
NOMBRE COMPLETO (Primer Nombre, Segundo Nombre, y Apellido)			ESCRIBA SU NOMBRE COMO DESEA QUE APAREZCA EN LA LISTA DE CANDIDATOS DECLARADOS PARA INSERCIÓN ESCRITA¹								
DIRECCIÓN RESIDENCIAL PERMANENTE (No incluya una casilla postal o una ruta rural. Si usted no tiene una dirección residencial, describa la ubicación de su residencia.)			DIRECCIÓN POSTAL PÚBLICA (Dirección a la que recibirá correspondencia relacionada a su campaña)								
CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL	CIUDAD	ESTADO	CÓDIGO POSTAL						
CORREO ELECTRÓNICO PÚBLICO (Si está disponible)		OCUPACIÓN (No deje este espacio en blanco)		FECHA DE NACIMIENTO / /	VID – NÚMERO ÚNICO DE IDENTIFICACION DE VOTANTE² (Opcional)						
INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO (Opcional) Tel. de Domicilio: Tel. de Oficina: Tel. Celular:			DURACIÓN DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA BAJO JURAMENTO <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">EN EL ESTADO</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">EN EL TERRITORIO POR EL CUAL SERIA ELECTO/A³</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">____ año(s)</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">____ año(s)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">____ mes(es)</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: center;">____ mes(es)</td> </tr> </table>			EN EL ESTADO	EN EL TERRITORIO POR EL CUAL SERIA ELECTO/A³	____ año(s)	____ año(s)	____ mes(es)	____ mes(es)
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Si usted incluye un apodo como parte de su nombre en la boleta, usted también firma y jura lo siguiente: Yo también juro que mi apodo no constituye un lema ni tampoco es una indicación de mis creencias o afiliaciones políticas, económicas, sociales o religiosas. He sido conocido comúnmente por este apodo por más de tres años antes de esta elección.											
Ante mí, la autoridad suscrita, apareció en persona (nombre) _____, quien habiendo aquí y ahora prestado juramento debido, bajo juramento dice:											
“Yo, (nombre) _____, del condado de _____, Texas, siendo candidato para el cargo oficial de _____, solemnemente juro que apoyaré y defenderé la Constitución y las leyes de los Estados Unidos y del Estado de Texas. Soy ciudadano de los Estados Unidos elegible para ocupar tal cargo oficial bajo la Constitución y las leyes de este Estado. No he sido finalmente condenado por una felonía por la cual no he sido perdonado o por la cual no se me han restituido enteramente mis derechos de ciudadanía por medio de otra acción oficial. No se me ha determinado por un juicio final de una jurisdicción testamentaria tribunal que juzga, ser totalmente incapacitado mentalmente o parcialmente incapacitado sin el derecho de votar. Yo tengo conocimiento de la ley sobre el nepotismo según el Capítulo 573 del Código de Gobierno.											
Además juro que las anteriores declaraciones que incluyo en mi solicitud son verdaderas y correctas en todo sentido.”											
X _____ FIRMA DEL CANDIDATO											
Jurado y suscrito ante mí en _____, este día ____ de _____, _____.											
Firma del oficial administrando el juramento ⁴ _____				SELLO							
Título del oficial administrando el juramento _____											
TO BE COMPLETED BY SECRETARY OF STATE/COUNTY JUDGE: This document and \$ _____ filing fee or a nominating petition of _____ is pages received.											
(See Section 1.007)											
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INSTRUCCIONES

La declaración de un candidato para recibir votos por inserción escrita se registra con el Secretario de la Ciudad, Secretario del Consejo de Administración, o el Secretario de la Junta Directiva.

La declaración debe ser recibida por el oficial encargado a más tardar el 74 día antes de la elección. Sec. §144.006 y 146.054 del Cód. Elec. de Tex.

El envío sin entrega antes de la fecha límite no es suficiente. La declaración no podrá ser presentada antes de 30 días antes de la fecha límite para presentar la solicitud. Una declaración presentada antes de ese día es nula.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la división de elecciones del Secretario de Estado al 800-252-8683.

LEY SOBRE EL NEPOTISMO

El candidato deberá firmar esta declaración indicando que él/ella está enterado(a) de la ley sobre el nepotismo. Lo siguiente es un resumen de las prohibiciones del nepotismo de acuerdo al capítulo 573 de Código Gobierno:

Ningún oficial podrá nombrar, o votar por o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de alguna persona que está emparentada con él dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o dentro del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre), o que está emparentada con cualesquier otro miembro del cuerpo directivo o corte en que él/ella celebra sesión cuando la compensación de esa persona estará pagada con fondos públicos o los honorarios del puesto oficial. Sin embargo, la ley no prohíbe el nombramiento, el votar por, o la confirmación de alguna persona que de forma continua ha sido empleado de la oficina o ha sido empleado durante el siguiente plazo antes de la elección o el nombramiento del oficial o miembro que está emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el oficial o miembro está elegido en una elección otra de la elección general para oficiales del estado y del condado.

Ningún candidato podrá obrar para influir a un empleado del puesto oficial al cual el candidato desea estar elegido o un empleado o oficial del cuerpo fiscal al cual el candidato desea estar elegido en cuanto al nombramiento o al empleo de una persona que está emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido como notado arriba. Esta restricción no se dirige a las acciones de un candidato respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados anticipados.

Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del tercer grado de consanguinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: padre, madre, hijo(a);
- (2) Segundo grado: hermano(a), abuelo(a), nieto(a) primo(a);
- (3) Tercer grado: bisabuelo(a), bisnieto(a), tío(a), sobrino(a).

Los siguientes incluyen parientes de linaje (sangre), medios hermanos, y adopción legal. Los ejemplos de parientes dentro del segundo grado de afinidad son los siguientes:

- (1) Primer grado: esposo(a), suegro(a), yerno; nuera;
- (2) Segundo grado: cuñado(a), abuelo(a) del esposo o esposa.

Las personas que están emparentadas por afinidad (matrimonio) incluyen los esposos o esposas de parientes que están emparentados por consanguinidad, y, si casados, el esposo o esposa y los parientes del esposo o esposa por consanguinidad. Éstos no son todos los ejemplos posibles.

NOTAS

¹Para reglas sobre la forma del nombre de un candidato o apodo en la boleta electoral, vea el subcapítulo B, Capítulo 52 del Código Electoral de Texas.

²La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Ingles) es opcional. Sin embargo, para muchos candidatos, es un requisito estar registrados como votantes en el territorio por el cual serían electos a partir de la fecha límite de la solicitud. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre el requisito de registro de votante en nuestra página: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml>

³Esto se refiere a la duración de la residencia dentro del distrito o territorio de que se elige la oficina. Por ejemplo, la duración de residencia en un distrito escolar, para una oficina del consejero escolar elegida en general. Este campo **DEBE SER COMPLETADO**.

⁴Los juramentos, las declaraciones juradas o las afirmaciones que se efectúen dentro de este Estado podrán ser administradas por un juez, escribano o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, por un notario público, un juez de paz, un secretario de la ciudad o el Secretario de Estado de Texas, quienes cuentan con la capacidad de proporcionar un certificado del hecho.